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OFFICE OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION

28 August 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Requirements - China

REFERENCE: Memorandum, Office of Executive Director, dated
27 June 1947, subject as above.

1. Pursuant to the instructions contained in reference memorandum, OCD has carried out the following action with respect to NIR - China: (Paragraph letters and subjects correspond to those in the reference memorandum):

a. As a result of arrangements concluded by OCD, the Department of State, in an instruction dated 5 August 1947 (Tab A), transmitted to the American Ambassador to China a complete copy of the quarterly revision of NIR - China, for his information and guidance as area coordinator. This instruction also informed the Ambassador that implementing directives from the various intelligence agencies to their field representatives in China would follow, and requested him to furnish the Department of State on or about 31 October his comments upon the general usefulness of the program.

b. At an inter-agency conference held 10 July 1947, the State, War and Navy Departments agreed to a general allocation of the sections based upon their respective responsibilities and capabilities. These were made of record and transmitted to each IAB member, in separate memoranda dated 24 July 1947. These allocations resulted in specifications for intelligence information being prepared by each agency, the last of which were received from the War Department on 25 August. The specifications are of a general guide type, except for the War Department, which took action by initiating a number of specific requests for information according to the requirements stated in NIR - China, and its own intelligence plans. All specifications were this date forwarded to ORE with the statement that requests for specific field reports needed to produce intelligence required by National Intelligence Requirements - China should be submitted to OCD under standard procedure, indicating such priorities as may be necessary.

c. On 27 July 1947, the quarterly revisions of NIR - China as accepted by the IAB agencies at the inter-agency meeting of 10 July, was transmitted to the Office of Operations and the Office of Special Operations, together with pertinent details as to the action taken or contemplated by each IAB member.

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d. As stated in the foregoing paragraphs, NIR - China was acted upon at an inter-agency conference held 10 July 1947. This meeting was the first one held after the receipt of reference memorandum, taking place on 10 July rather than 2 July. All action has been predicated upon the agreements reached at that meeting.



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Attachment:

Tab A - State Department instructions to American Ambassador,
Nanking, China, dated 5 August 1947, No. 400.

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To the

Officer in Charge of the American Mission,
Nanking.

The Secretary of State refers to the Department's instruction No. 314 dated April 17, 1947, transmitting a copy of National Intelligence Authority Directive No. 8 on the subject of National Intelligence Requirements - China, and encloses for the personal attention of the Ambassador a copy of the quarterly revision of this directive, which has been prepared by the Central Intelligence Group as a guide for collection efforts.

The Officer in Charge is requested to bring the enclosure to the attention of the Military and Naval Attaches at Nanking for their guidance. Detailed implementing collection directives from the War and Navy Departments to their respective attaches in Nanking, as well as from the State Department, will follow.

It is requested that on or about October 31, 1947, the Ambassador furnish the Department his comments upon the general usefulness of the over-all program pertaining to the National Intelligence Requirements for China.

Enclosure:

Quarterly Revision of
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Authority Directive No. 8.

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